

Galesburg Mar 22-88

J. H. Murphy

Dear Sir and Bro,

I am aware of the fact, that you are quite busy and do not wish to receive any more labor on your than I can avoid but we are also at work and we must have something in the shape of A letter from Headquarters every day to assist us in encouraging our men this is important as the old men get very restless if they do not hear every morning please do that much to assist us in keeping our men together all are solid here but every effort is being made to break our ranks public sympathy is coming over to our side here some stock men told one of our night comite last night heard there had been loaded into Shipping Stock by the agents but would not be caught so again there are some dead Engines brought in here every day and train men are complaining of the men who have taken our place but the Co is trying to make a great show more especially here don't forget the daily letter even if you have to get another Secretary

Yours Trat

Palph Lacey
248 Barrin St
Galesburg Ill

(Copy)

Chicago, Ill., April 13th, 1888.

To C.E.& F.A.E. Div.no.---

The C.B.& Q.have only got about 1/2 of the men prior to the strike. They want about 4 to 5 hundred more engineers. We have decided to call on you to furnish one or two men from your Div. We will ask the same of all Div's throughout the country to come and apply for situations on the "Q," under an assumed name, and as soon as they get to work to correspond with John Sowers, National Hotel, Chicago, for instructions. The object is to disable engines in every way they can, and on a given day to quit work in a body after receiving instructions from us. The Company is on their last leg and by this means we propose to take the other. We don't want any of them to come here but to make application at the following points: Aurora, Galesburg, Burlington, Creston, Plattsmouth, Lincoln, and Mc Cook. Be very careful who you select to come -- men that don't talk too much or who are in the habit of drinking. Supply them with plenty of Sal soda & Emery. Have them get leave of absence for thirty or more days. P.S. Please don't let this outside except within yourselves and those you select to come. Please answer on receipt of this.

Yours fraternally, (Signed) S.E.Hoge, Ch'm G.G.C.

Room 34,Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago.

Winston Jan 4-4/88

Mr J. H. Murphy Esq.

Dear Sir & Brother

Yesterday was a good day for us. Mr Geo. Fisher and O. H. Hall, was cleared nicely. Judge declared the defendants not guilty before the witness was all heard.

The Company had ~~sent~~ from other points the best talent in the country. The ^{city} firemen had there parade in the afternoon they brought a scab from the Round house and put him in the ranks which made nine of the boys drop out of line. It was the man that said the Brotherhood promised him \$40.00 per month he was out until the Brotherhood owed him \$300.00. This should have been in 1887 at Philadelphia. John Hark was offered \$500.00 if he would go to work. The boys are very happy this morning.

Yours

Fraternally

J. P. Bryan

Boston May 5th: 88

Bro. J. H. Murphy

Dear Sir and Brother today finds us just the same solid and determined to win as ever not much news for I have not seen the night-squirmish Committee But we had quite a little excitement here last evening some of the scabs threw stones at Bro Fisher and Bro Halls Houses But did no damage for it was not long until the whole gang was over there and it would not took much to have them make a raid on the Metropolitan Hotel where lots of scabs board and kill them like Rats when they came out But they said to give them another chance for their lives and you can see the strikers are fixed for them they are all got. Recluses and Billies they have to carry them to defend themselves so you need not be surprised if you hear of some one getting killed for they will ^{do} this throwing is not stopped soon that's dead sure there was a wreck some where last night But cant find out where it was and they say it was a big one too But you cant find out anything from these operators or conductors or Brakenes But it will clear out after while so let them go we will find out just the same well this is all for today hoping to hear from you every day I remain as ever your Brother & Robert J. Wallace Write same as always Pacific Junction Iowa Box 243 I am going Back Monday or Tuesday good Bye Johny

SAM. KIMBALL, C. E.

WM. R. HARPER, F. A. E.

BROTHERHOOD

of

LOCOMOTIVE

ENGINEERS,

Division 98.

Lincoln, Neb., May 7th. 1888.

S. E. HOGE, Esq.,

Claim Committee,

Chicago.

Dear Sir and Bro.

T. W. Lowery of Lincoln leaves today for Chicago to look after two hundred cars of corn shipped over the Q. before March 16''. One hundred and fourty have not been heard of yet. You can probably find him at Grand Pacific, or the Palmer House. I do not suppose he will want to talk, but he is pretty well acquainted with the Q. road if you can get him started. Every think all O. K. I hope we can have a pay day this week. I am tired of being boned.

Faternally yours,

C. F. Sanborn.

Cleveland O. May 8, 1888.

Bro. Hoge:

Am in receipt of Bro. Benson's letter. I think he is doing wrong in sending out such letters. He knows there is not the slightest chance of the men winning. Why Deceive? Why not look the inevitable squarely in the face like men and make the best of it? My advice to you is after the stockholders' meeting on the 17th. if there is no change in the present management convene your committee and I will meet with them and tell them frankly what I think they ought to do. Notwithstanding all the telegrams and letters received urging us to fight to the end we are satisfied from the complaining letters we are receiving daily and the number that are asking exemption from the costs that the financial support the brothers on the Q. will receive at the expiration of the three months will be very meagre, hence my reasons for giving up the contest to enable the brothers to procure work elsewhere. Brother Hoge, you and brother Murphy have a duty to perform and you must not shrink from it when your committee is convened. To continue the struggle longer under the present management I regard as a waste of time and money. I have written Mr. Sullivan favoring an investigation by the interstate commission. If they meet it will do us no harm, and may lead to legislation that will be beneficial to labor organizations in the future. We will send you another draft Thursday. I hope it will be as large as the last one. It looks a little doubtful today but we cannot tell what a day will bring forth. Hoping for the best with kind regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

P. M. Arthur, G. C. E.

P. S.

Stone called in my pass. Please give the enclosed to Mr. Hannahan, it was sent him in my care.

Copy Telegram

Chicago May 10th

C. F. Tauborn

Lined

The Britishmen are on
our roll will send you funds
soon as they come

Signed S. E. Hoge

(Copy)

E L M I R A T E L E G R A M .

Elmira, N.Y., May 19th, 1888.

W. I. Keagle,

Corning, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th at hand. Whoever informed you that the article had been offered us in behalf of the engineers, and was refused is, in good plain English, a liar, and you can tell him so on my account. It is simply an underhanded trick. Some unscrupulous person undoubtedly designed to injure our standing with the Locomotive Engineers. It isn't very likely that the Telegram owned by parties who worked for a living would go back on as worthy an organization as the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers. I wish you would give me the name of this man. We would like to give him a turning over. If you have any doubts about the position of the telegram on this question write Andy Brink of this City, or Dell Vahn of Sayre. Both of these gentlemen have been instructed to furnish us anything of interest to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers whenever they can get it.

Rest assured that the Telegram will never go back on any worthy Labor Organization in the country. Jus assure the members of your Lodge of this fact, and believe me,

Yours truly,

(Signed)

H. S. Brooks, Manager.

Neb City 6 20 - 88

W. E. Hoge Esq.

Dear Sir & Bro: we rec^d
your letter but dont talk
very encouraging we went
into this strike to win &
win we must. This strike has
been a great loss to me I have
had to borrow money to meet
my pay ments but I am willing
to lose all I have got to win
this fight. but we get some
letters that make the men
discouraged. we receive good
news from all points. & a good
many reports a flying around
but we still have hopes of
winning this fight. there are
some very enthusiastic meetings
held in Labor Interest. the

Labor Men should unite with
there votes this fall. I think
they could turn the tide in
our favor. we remain

Tract Yours

M. Curtis

Neb City

Neb

Box 107

Titmouse Division

No 112

Bro Hubbard of Loco Eng'rs

X

Bro H. Bage
Hr. Lk.

Creston Ia Aug 11/88

We greet you this
fine morning with a solid wall
& more confident of success
than ever before since the 17th of Feb.
The bros have fully made up
their minds that we must win
or we will leave the D system
& leave the road to the mercy of
the scabs for there is not a man
that will go back so long
as they do not sign our
schedule & banish the scabs
for the world unknown for that
is where they deserve to go. The
passenger business does not increase
any. The average of each pass-
enger train does not exceed 75 pass-
engers. The officials have got
so that when they see any

of the old men rising their
way they pull their hat down
over their eyes. The Agent at
this point told the Sheriff
of Adams Co. that the Company
was beat and he has also
told several of the Pilots the
same thing & that some of the
rest of the officials would
have to take a walk. I got
this news so that you can
rely on it. Now if that's
the way officers talk, our
victory is not far off, so
keep up good cheer &
we will stay with you
all

Yours fraternally
Geo. Fisher

C. m.

Box 709.

Letters from P.M.

Arthur + Keagel to

Hoge - H.S.

Letters from, Brooks

to Hoge, Keagel



BROTHERHOOD
Locomotive Engineers.

CORNING DIVISION, No. 244.

Corning, N. Y. May 22nd 1888

A. E. Hoge

Dear Sir & Bro.

I enclose a letter from Elvira Telegram. We was informed that they had Refused to publish an article that favored the C. Men. and I turned them over, and Recd. the enclosed ans. Now if you can give them any thing to publish, please do so or send to me, and I will see that it gets there on time.

Yours of 17th Recd. our members all say they will stand by you. as long as you hang together as you show. We all realize the necessity of winning this fight and appreciate the grit of the Men engaged in the fight. Yours fraternally
W. L. Hoyle
309 Erie



ALL BUSINESS MATTERS,

Attest ARTHUR, INGRAHAM & HAYS.

OFFICE OF THE

GRAND INTERNATIONAL



Room 5, Blackstone Block, Seneca Street.

Cleveland, O. May 28 1888

Brother Hoge

Your letter with receipts enclosed is received and noted. The Brothers here decided by a very large majority to continue the struggle. I will keep my promise and do all I can for them all though I think it is a mistake to prolong the conflict. I have done my duty in the premises regardless of consequences. It now remains for all the Brothers throughout the country to fulfill their promises. All I care about having you do is to send in the full vote for once even when you receive them. So we can speak of it in the joint circular we will issue. If anything new transpires will be glad to hear from you we will send a draft once a week as heretofore.

Wishing you success
I remain yours Truly
W. H. Allen
GCE

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Elmira, N.Y. May 19, 1888. 188

W. L. Keagle,

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Just assure the members of your lodge of this fact and believe
me

Yours truly

N. S. Hill
Manager

(Copy)

Brotherhood
of
LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

Corning Division, No. 244.

Corning, N.Y., May 22nd, 1888.

S. E. Hoge,

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Yours of the 18th received. Our members all say they will stand by you as long as you hang together as you have. We all realize the necessity of winning this fight and appreciate the grit of the men engaged in the fight.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

W. I. Keagle,

309 Erie Ave.

(Copy)

Galesburg, Ill., May 24th, 1888.

S. E. Hoge,

Dear Sir & Bro:-

I received your note in regard to Geo. H. Pearse, and would say in return that I have not got any funds to send him, as I had paid them all out before I got the letter. He is all right, and just as soon as I get some money, I will send it to him. You must try and send me some money just as soon as you can in order to hold the men from going back here to work. I have given some of them permission to go elsewhere to get jobs, and I would like for you to get the money here by the first of the month to pay them off. If you can it will do more good than anything else; but you must get some money here ~~by the first of the month~~ just as soon as you can in order to give them some alony until they get their pay for some of them is in need of it.

I have not got any to start on the trip laid out for I and Bro. Lacy. The boys here want us to go for they thinh we can do as much as anyone in that respect.

Well Stewart if they want the permission of the Committee to put the Boycott on give it to them. They have my sanction, and if it goes on again keep it there until every wheel in this country is stopped; get the interstate Commission to work. Also there was one scab quit to-day, and more going to quit.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) R. Martin.

Prospect House

C. Bonn Proprietor

Office of Burlington Dec 10

C. Bonn

Burlington Jan. 20/18

J. E. Hager Esq.

Dear Sir & Bros.

Bro. T. Brinkman is here in town
and has good luck in getting
chickens from here but he has
not got any money. I wish
you could send me 5000
for him as he wants it sent that
way and he must have it to
get along. Don't forget the - as he
is here and must have it.

Yours Truly

J. Erickson

P.S. Send by mail to me as he
does not want to be known.

J. E.

Wm. W. Garrison
No 112

Brotherhood Love Letters

Crescent, La. May 11/18

Bro Hoge & Murphy.

Dear Sir

I was then instructed to ask you at
headquarters to get up some circulars
something like we sent you
and send them broadcast over the
land in re to the K. of L. They are
charged three of the members already.
Now these men are sacrificing their
jobs for the principle of the laboring
class and to maintain their honor.
Now has not what you are thinking
to the wheel and say never gave
up all we win. Get those men
out, send to every point where
they will do the most good.
W. C. Brown took the pains to hire
men and go out in the country
and have them circulars of ours
washed off, but will put more

up now than ever for we
see that they are turning the
Company and that the more
we can hurt them the better for
us. Let them get up at once
and let those cotton people
know that we have now given
the fight and have the
Brown fact them up all over
the country.

Yours Respy
C. Cornille

Elizabethtown, N. J. May 24/82

S. E. Hoge Esq.,

Dear Sir & Bro.,

Will you please send
me as many as soon as
possible as I am in some
need and my family in
Chapelwood Ia. and I have
nothing else to depend on at
present. I wish the journal
and will visit as many here
as I can in this vicinity
Send the money by Register
letter and also receipt
for the amt and I will sign
it & mail it back to you.
I am not at work yet.

But hope I will be soon
Trusting you will give this
matter your attention at once

I remain yours

Fraternally

J. H. Tucker.

No. 32 2 Morris Ave.
Elizabeth, N. J.

Creston Ia June 15/88

Embroidered Lace

Creston Ia June 15/88

Mr. S. E. Sage

Recorder

Once more we put you the
same as we have for the past
winter weeks and our staying
quantities are good for 12 weeks
longer. By the way the scales
on leaving the O.K. Case Club
will have to open a new box of
the Better O.K. to keep the scales
going for there will be nothing left
but O.K. The scales say the Co.
is best and that they are going to
get out of town while they can
get a place to go on, or while
they have a whole scalp left.

Truemanley yours

Geo Fisher

(Copy)

Office of the
GRAND INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS
Room 5, Blackstone Block, Seneca Street.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 28th, 1888.

Brother Hoge:-

Your letter with receipts enclosed is received, and noted. The Brothers here decided by a very large majority to continue the struggle. I will keep my promise and do all I can for them, although I think it a mistake to prolong the conflict. I have done my duty in the premises regardless of the consequences. It now remains for the Brothers throughout the country to fulfill their promises. All I care about having you do is to send in the full vote pro and con when you receive them, so we can speak of it in the joint circular we will issue. If anything new transpires will be glad to hear from you. We will send a draft once a week as heretofore.

Wishing you success,

I remain, Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

P. M. Arthur, G.C.E.

(Copy)

Hastings, Neb. 6 - 2 - 88.

S. E. Hoge, Esq.,

Chairman.

Dear Sir:-

I believe everybody solid yet, but I must say this surely cant last long, if there is not something done, the boys cant lay around without getting paid, and I dont think the boys on other R.R., will be willing to pay their assess much longer, and now I cant see any other way to win this fight, only to put the boycott on again, and keep it on till they come to time, and now I would like to know what you think of outcome. I am at the water work now temporary, as they wanted to cut on it. I would not take it. It has been paying \$160. for engineer t fireman and now there is bids in for \$125. per month, and now they give me thirty days to make up my mind, and now I want to say if there isnt something done soon I will take it at the reduced wages, and from that on I will work for Clark here after, and now if I am beat out of this job I will take the first thing that turns up. I tell you the Co., are doing very good business now considering the hard times Now this this thing has run over three months, and it is high time that there is something done. This is the first time I have ever been in any trouble in regard to work, so now my views are let us do something or quit. This is my feeling in regard to the case.

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I have been very much in favor of winning this battle if there is any possible show at all, and I still remain confident that we will, but I want it to come soon.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

T. M. Clark.

1115 W. 3rd St., Hastings,

Please let me hear soon.

P.S. Stuart you may think strange of me, but let me say I have good property here, but there is a mortgage on it, and if I don't go to work, I will have to lose it, and so I have got to work, and I am too old to ramble over the country for work

June 2 - 88.

On the train from Laramie to Rawlins.

S. R. Hoge:-

Dear Sir:-& Bro:-

We held a union meeting at Laramie last night, and every one pledged themselves to stand by us financially, and said that they would give us their support if it took five years, and they told us to never give up the fight. They have got the "Q" so completely boycotted, that is, so far as ^{business} ~~the~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXX~~ is concerned out here, they cant get anything to haul from the merchants, and it is the same way all over the U.P.. As we have come the men at Laramie appointed a committee from each order to take contributions and forward them to you, Just as soon as they get them. We did not take up a collection as they said that they would attend to it right away, so we left everything with them. We will go from Rawlins to Evanston. Then we will take the Oregon Short Line in. Then back over the D.& R.G., to Denver. So keep everyone in good humor, and we will get the funds O.K. You can write me at Denver if you have anything for me, or want me to do anything else than has been laid out for us to do. How is everything working. I hope all right. Everyone out in this country is determined that we shall win, and are ready to do anything for the boys on the "Q" I and Lacey are solid to a man.

Yours frat,

(Signed)

R. Martin.

(Copy)

Office of the
Grand International
BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS
Room 5, Blackstone Block, Seneca St.,

Cleveland, Ohio., June 2nd, 1888.

Brother Hoge:-

Your letter with one from Div.151 enclosed came to-hand this P.M. There is no occasion for a special session yet.
call one
I will not ~~do so~~ unless requested to do so by a majority of the Sub-Divisions, as it would only be a useless waste of time and money. So long as we can send you twenty thousand dollars a week no one ought to complain. If we can keep this up until regular convention, it will be far better than to spend the time in a special session. The brothers ought to consider that while we are attending a special session all supplies would cease. We are getting ready to issue a joint circular to the Divisions and lodges giving our side of the strike, and the causes that led to it. I mailed Bro. Chinch a letter at his request, endorsing him as a Solicitor for funds. I will do good for evil. The day will come when those who are now slandering me will acknowledge me their friend.

Wishing you success, I remain as ever,

Your friend,

(Signed)

P. M. Arthur.

(Copy)

Chicago, June 7th, 1888.

Bro. Hoge:-

I am able to send you a nice little sum this time, and hope there may be no delay. Unless something can be done to stop the letters that are being sent out from 32 and other Divisions assailing the G.C.E., you and everybody connected with the management, and complaining of lack of support, "have not received but \$40.00 etc." a reaction will set in that will be sorely felt. One of our largest divisions wrote that it was of no use to pay assets as the Bros., did not seem to get it. Now as I understand you, this sum will finish paying the third month at \$40., and I have no doubt enough will come in to at least pay two months more if not three, if the Bros., themselves do not destroy confidence. New circulars are being sent out by the "Q" men urging the Div., to demand a special session, and that I am satisfied would be no benefit, but rather a damage. You will need to put your foot down by and by.

Brother Arthur not back yet.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed)

T. S. Ingraham.

OTTUMWA DIVISION,
→ No. 112, ←

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Creston, Iowa, June 8th 1888.

Bro. S. C. Hoge

Dear Sir

We hope these lines will find you in good spirits as it leaves us and the Bros have made up their minds that there is no use in saying give up for we have nothing to give up for, but by staying out and standing firm we have all to gain and we are willing to stay with them, your last letter claims that the company is gaining ground they may be gaining in Chicago but hear they are losing grounds, the only material they are hauling is company coal, and we never see any lumber now, and the stock they are hauling comes of the branches and that is about all gone, so don't worry about the Scabby C, for wall street news says that the C stock will be down to 40¢ on the Dollar in side of two weeks.

Yours Respt. Geo Fisher

P.S. Don't you think that it would be a good
idea to have all letters coming from you
to have the seal of the Chicago Div on, it
may put a stop to this under hand work,
that is going on.

OTTUMWA DIVISION,

→ No. 112. ←

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Creston, Iowa, Jan^y 10th 1888

Bro S. E. Hooge.

Dear Sir

Yours received and
 we greet you one and all just the same as we
 have been for the last fourteen weeks the good
 news we have received good news from Denver
 and it cheered the boys up. to know that our
 war is very near over, for we know that they
 cant run the road with scabs but must have
 the old reliable Bros back and they cant go to
 bed and sleep sound for they know that the
 Bros will look after there interest for what
 is there interest is and in regard to the meeting
 in the Park Ave. theater candidate for the
 Laboring men and President for the U.S. who
 is in sympathy with us, and gave us some
 good points to work on in the future it
 was rather wet so we had a small attendance.

Yours Foreman Joe Fisher

Nebraska City 6-10-88

S. E. Hoge Esq.

Dear Sir & Bro... we are still
firm as ever. I feel confident
of success. This has been a long
siege but the men have proved
them selves. Heroes & if the men
still get that financial aid there
will be no danger of breaking ranks.
our Denver letter says the Div at
that point have assessed themselves
\$10⁰⁰ instead of \$5⁰⁰ Dolls. the paper
last night said Perkins, Special
will be here to day. I understand
Perkins trip west has made
him sick of the way things
are running & will settle
with the old men when
he gets back to Chicago

I tell ^{you} these Kans City fellows
Had blood in their eyes & said
we were not going to lose
this fight & they would
see that we had our aid
the circulars are flying in
the air & we are putting the
boycotts on where we can so
remain solid & we will
get their stock lower than
ever our correspondence is
good Now is that Inter state
Commerce business if they don't
get at that investigation we
ought to petition the President
to have Cooley removed

Dear Yours,

M. Curtis

Lib City

Nebr

Box 107

Atchison, Kans

June 12. 1888

S. E. Hoge Esq

Dear Sir & Bro

Yours at hand & glad to hear from you every thing on the Q's running along here about the same as it has for the past month. Their business is very light both in passengers & freight - & the trains are always late & the roads have more or less trouble with their engines all the time & every thing goes to prove with them that the Company will never make a success of it with the class of men they now have - & it is only a question of a short time before the Company will have to better their condition or go into bankruptcy & I do not believe that the stock holders will allow Parsons & Stone to sink the road before they will force them to make a settlement with us & I think we have as good a chance now to win this fight as we had two months ago - we are doing all in our power here to make every day count & advertising them in the papers & with our circulars & we find that the effects of our work is telling on them & it is fetching about

before the public again" our little paper I have sent to
every div. & our circular I have distributed 3 thousand in
this town & country & sent 3 thousand to other different
parts" we have got a boycott started on a small
scale" the general agent here hired two rangers
to go around & tan them down & I found Elout
& put the police on their tracks & scared them
off" we can keep them up 30 days here according to
law & prosecute any one that will tan them down
in side of that time" I have been sending you a
copy of our paper for the last two months & I
suppose you always got it & will now make you 4 copies
& also a copy of the circular that we have out if you have
any thing better send it to us & we will do all we
can to let the public see it we have no new scheme
to offer you only we would like to see the boycott
put on" if you possibly can get it into action again
& we think & feel satisfied that it would be a death
blow to the Q all this western part of the country is
in favour of it & will do all in their power to bring
it about" we also think it would be a good idea for
you to warn the boys up a little more all over the
Q system" make them use their influence with the

Business men & all Citizens & Circulate some kind
of a circular to keep this question before the public & turn
trade away from the Q. one thing is sure if we win
we must work & the way the boys has been sitting
around on their ass. one day waiting on another
will never bring victory to us & I see those places where
the boys went home & sawed wood & left the comp. to
do as they please & did not try to buy off them in any
way. these same points are giving the company
lots of trade where they would not have got it had
the boys used their influence against them. --
but however it is to late now to cry about spilt
milk & if every man does the best he can
from this time on we will win this
fight or bury the road & we do not
want to show any white flag until we
get one or the other yours Produrably

P. D. Graser
1020 N 4 st

Kerkuk June 10/888

Bro S. B. Hoge

Dear Sir & Bro

All
solid at Kerkuk No
wreck to report. There
was a switchman killed
here last night by getting
his foot caught in
guard rail his name
was W^m Sillett and
was a Brother in law of
J. R. Roberts who runs
an engine in the
beginning of the strike
Sillett was not a
member of Switchmen
Association and there
were no switchmen on
a strike and of course
he was no scab. The

accident cannot be laid
to the incompetency of
the seat Engineer as
near as I can learn
but the Co will be held
liable for not having
guard rail blocked
as the law requires
in this State I do
not know of any ^{more} news
this P.M.

Yours Fraternally
Henry M Martin

BROTHERHOOD
OF
Locomotive Engineers,
DIVISION 98.

Lincoln, Neb., June 11 1888.

Bro Hoge

Yours with draft received and the kids
are good for another month - glad the funds
are coming in more freely -

Things are working out very some - we have a
public meeting to night - and after Rogers
Ex Gov Butler and Van Wyck speak to them
if the R of L are any good they will boycott
the Leas Road line

Best enclosed

Yours
W. R. Harper

Pacific Junction Iowa June 7 - 1888
Engineer Foreman + Switchman
Greeting

This fine June morning find us all
here + Solid. Bros we are placed
in a town that is not a connecting point
and we can not do much in regard to
the boycott but we will do all we can
Would like to have the Bros tell us
what was done at the K C Meeting as
we could not send a delegate our
correspondence stated that there was
good work done but did not state
what it was. I tell you Bros if we
just hang on we will have the Q where
we want them The Petty Officials are
are about wore out and I think it
is so with the rest of them From all
reports we can receive it will not be over
20 days before they will come to time
so hold the fort Bros
for we are counting on that.

{	Chas Eglycomb
	M. R. Welch
	S. D. Kieck

OTTUMWA DIVISION,
No. 112,

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Creston, Iowa, June 11th 1888.

Bro L. E. Hodge,

Dear Sir: And Bro.

Yours of the
ninth at hand and we are still in check with
fall. Rail, and a good wind in our favour, and
we are bound to get there on time the news we have
received the last two days goes to show that the Bros
are in good spirits. And are more determined to win
than ever. and the company is more discouraged.
than any time since the strike took place and by
the amount of weeks they have been having for
the last week we know that they cant hold
out much longer, your check arrives all safe
and please find you receipt enclosed.

Yours. Sincerely
Geo Fisher

Hand

OTTUMWA DIVISION,

→ No. 112, ←

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Creston, Iowa, June 13th 1882

Bro S E Hoge

Dear Sir

Please state whether you sent a letter to me dated the 11th. it does not compare with your hand writing. Perkins passed through here on the 11th. he did not stop but about ten minutes he was talking to a gentleman whom has charge of his real estate and he told him that things have been misrepresented to him and he would sign the schedule and make a settle with the men he says the scab ~~are~~ no good, engine 189 lost front end and stack. she ~~lost~~ had ten cars in train and 8 of them air brake cars. scab was trying to make a fly run two weeks in year last night and passenger trains all late and about 1/3 of the usual travel.

Yours Gratefully,
Geo Fisher



Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Keokuk, Iowa, June 13 1888

Bro S. C. Hoge

Dear Sir RBW

Keokuk

all solid and in good and it is beginning more favorable every day for us to receive a settlement, I was almost sure there was no begins letters sent out from Chicago and we are all glad to hear that the Chicago have abandoned the Idea of declaring the strike off as it would only benefit only a few, Train No 2 was delayed yesterday about 3 hours by a freight-car in train No 8 being off of the track trucks broke down as reported maybe something else. This is all at present.

Yours Gratefully
Henry M. Martin

OTTUMWA DIVISION,

→ No. 112, ←

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Ans

Creston, Iowa, June 17th 1882

Bro. S. E. Hoge,

Dear Sir and Bro.

Yours at

hand and contents noted and we greet you the same as ever solid and confident of success in a few days if all goes well but will fight it to the bitter end, the Bros have got so that news have got to come from reliable source before the Bros will believe anything that is going on either for our good or the company for they are out to win. there is news going all around in the papers that stone is going to step out, well we will never believe it till we see it for ourselves. but we are pretty sure that stone's days are getting very short, and hope that there will be a man appointed who is a American and not a Johnny bull for our sake

Yours Respect

Geo. F. H. H.

BROTHERHOOD OF Locomotive Engineers,

DIVISION 98.

Lincoln, Neb., June 18th 1888.

Bro. S. E. Hage

It has been some time since I have written to you but nevertheless we have not been idle we are working hard for the good cause and I guess they all are and it begins to tell as our prospects look brighter every day when the Co come out in the papers with a very nice story we got to work and get out a circular and contradict their story and send them all over the country and have them posted we put them up every where in store windows, on the street, telegraph poles, boxes, sidewalks in fact every place and we stick them on and it causes the Co a good deal of trouble to get them off and taking every thing into consideration we make it pretty hot for them. The scales are more diseased than ever this month with their checks and I understand that some of the Passenger trains had to wait here for some one to run the Engine. We had a ^{Public} rousing meeting here on

Monday Evening I will send you the proceeding in full as soon as we get them printed. it seems to me ~~to me~~ that the more the co abuse us the more and the harder the boys on the Q work for the cause I tell you the Brotherhoods and in fact all Labor organizations ought to be proud of the boys on the Q and I guess they are I have just learned the cause of one of the delayed Passenger trains that I spoke of above. one of the scabs Enginiers got full and raised hell and with the boiler and J. Mc. C. had to go up and get him out before the train could leave (a good item for the Chicago world)

Will write us all the news and keep us posted and we will keep on fighting the Q and it will not be long before the great Q strike will be a thing of the past. ~~the~~ Eng on No 40 played out yesterday at Fall city and they had to send the pusher to take the train to Atchison. They also had a clear case of scab incompetency at Red Cloud yesterday some trouble with the Eng took down main rod (front End) did not block crosshead consequently smashed that side of her all to pieces there is a good deal of trouble on the road just now trains late. the scabs and supps are going to have a meeting Saturday night to organize an order of their own in the Ft house at Lincoln how is that for bright Best some Sam Kimball

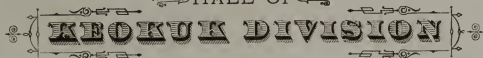
Id Hays & Co.

Brooklyn Ms 6-19-88

Dear Sir & Bro.

Your favor of 6-17 at hand and I am surprised to think you full as though I was trying to make any more difficulties than you are obliged to encounter in your natural business. I know from my own experience that your place is anything but pleasant; if the men here did not know the money was in Oey I would not care, because I would not be bothered about it. I was hot when I wrote that letter in Oey. I supposed I would find money instead of a draft tied up by McCain. I intended what I said for him. He knew he was going away and he should have said something about it to you and made arrangements. He came home here and knocked the men into pie as the printer says, telling grave digging stories - which has made lots of trouble. but if the money could be had, it would open it. Two of the old men made application for jobs, and we by persistent work whipped them into line. and this was the day before I was in Quincy. as it stands we will have to make the best of a bad bargain. I got a letter from Bro Sedder yesterday, and he said he found

Things in Chicago looking better than the
anticipated, and, we also got the Circular
letter from the Grant office, all tending
to a defeat of a special session, which
I am very glad of. The Circular Boycott
is raising hot work the Co and if
we can only hold the fort. We are
as sure of winning as we are alive.
We had a small war here yesterday,
8 seats cornered by the Boys on the street,
and about 200 citizens looking on expecting
blood. I went after a while and walked
away with the leader on our side for fear
they would arrest some of our Boys and find
guns on them. I transferred their guns to my
possession and left them in shape to be taken
in if they wanted them. I am afraid some
more will get killed yet; I would not like to
trade any of our Boys for a seat which would
be likely to be the consequence, the seats if hit
would get shot; Bro Hoge I want you to dis-
cuss your mind of any feeling that I have
anything against you. if I say anything untrue
it is because of excessive zeal in an effort to do
what seems to me should be done, I want success
and it makes me hot. When I am talked in doing what seems
to me necessary to receive it. I have some articles with my first effort
of it. I think all right. I will enclose a copy. Yours truly Ed Salmon



Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Keokuk, Iowa, June 20 1888

Bro S. E. Hoge

Dear Sir & Bro

No change in the situation here men all firm and solid and today are just as of winning this fight as ever they were. I do not see how we can look at it in any other light. one of the scab firemen have quit but another one hired here in town that never fired before but has got the brand just the same.

The report is in circulation that M. M. Bartlett of St. L. K. & M. W. and Paradise of H. & St. Jo is going to resign also several of the Officials here were cussing Stone for all they were worth. I give this to you for what it is worth but it looks as though they will get their eyes open soon. No wrecks or acci-

dents to report from this locality today
The joint circular from Grand
Offices came to hand yesterday

We are going to donate the ~~recd~~
receipts of our Union Ball to the
frimen here it will make about
\$10,00 apiece, Had we of known
that Bro Arthur was coming ~~and~~
here that night - and advertised it
to the public we would have made
a great deal more because there
would have been many one went
to have seen and heard him speak
I think this is all that I know
at present of any consequences

Yours Graternally
Henry M. Martin